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RE: Operation of the Beaver River Interim Distribution Order

Gentlemen:

On March 1, 2005, the state engineer implemented an Interim Distribution Order regarding regulation of reservoir storage on the Beaver River. On April 28, 2005, a second letter was sent clarifying some of the provisions in it. Taken together, the Interim Distribution Order and subsequent clarification are considered to be the current distribution order.

In 2013 the river system will continue to be operated in accordance with the current distribution order. The Beaver River Commissioner will determine when water may be stored under the various water rights in Three Creeks Reservoir and Kent's Lake and will coordinate with the owners to ensure proper storage and distribution. The commissioner will also keep records of water stored in and released from Three Creeks Reservoir and Kent's Lake.

In order for the commissioner to more easily manage the storage and keep good records, we would like to partner with users of the upper storage reservoirs to install automated record-keeping (telemetry) on their measurements. The lower users are in the process of installing telemetry on the river at the Greenville Bridge and at the entrance to Minersville Reservoir. Telemetry has been helpful on other distribution systems in the state by providing transparency and by helping river commissioners accurately distribute and account for the water.

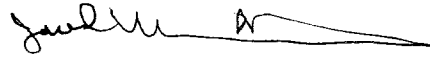
Additionally, the 2005 Interim Distribution Order states the following: "The order is being implemented on an interim basis so there can be a review after the 2005 irrigation season and a determination if additional changes are needed." In accordance with this, and as we build a reliable record set, we expect that, in the future, we will be soliciting input from the water users to determine if changes to the current distribution order need to be made.

We ask for your continued cooperation and patience. If you have any questions please contact me by phone at (801) 538-7380 or by email at [jaredmanning@utah.gov](mailto:jaredmanning@utah.gov) or Kurt



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jared Manning', followed by a long horizontal line.

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